

March 20, 2006
Regular Session

Minutes

Members present

Brady Wooten- Chairman
Allen Sneed- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
James Graham-County Attorney

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order. Commissioner Swain led the invocation. The Board had the pledge of allegiance.

Public Hearing-Scattered Site Housing

Rebecca Kassner, COG, stated the County is eligible to receive funds from the Scattered Site Housing Program. She stated the county assisted 11 families last year averaging \$28,000 per house.

Chairman Wooten closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing-Zoning

Melanie Leluex, Planning Technician, presented the following zoning request:

- Linda Carter Eaton requested that property located at Falcon Road corner of Big Field Lane, East Bend, be changed from rural agriculture to residential restricted. Planning Board approved request.

Mr. Eaton, property owner, commented they are planning a high residential area.

Chairman Wooten closed the public hearing.

Public comments

There were none.

Minutes

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the regular and closed session minutes with noted changes. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

EMS-naming of new base stations

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to name the EMS base station at Old 421 in honor of Dr. Carlisle Hughes and the station located at Wiseman's Crossroads in memory of Dr. Locksley Hall. Commissioner Casstevens seconded.**

Commissioner Swaim inquired if the county had a policy on naming buildings after people.

The Board voted 5-0.

John Matthews, EMS, updated the Board on the progress of the new EMS base stations. He commented they were ahead of schedule and requested that someone do a punch list. He asked that the Board come to the station at Wiseman's Crossroads for a walk-thru.

Mr. Wood commended John Matthews on the great job he had done with this project.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion for Mr. Wood and Brent Hawks to do the punch list and when the buildings meet approval, proceed with paying the builder. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 4-1. Commissioner Casstevens opposed.**

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to hold open houses on April 23rd from 2:00-4:00. The ribbon cutting will be at 2:00 for Wiseman's**

Crossroads and at 4:00 for the station at Hwy 421. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.

Chairman Wooten called for a break.

NW Piedmont Workforce-board appointments

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to appoint Eddie Wooten to the NW Piedmont Workforce Board. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Tax Administration- refunds

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to approve the tax refunds. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

**R.David Childress 2005 \$18.22
P.O. Box 16305
Greensboro, N.C. 27416
Appraiser corr sq ftg of basement**

Resolution- Child Protection Amendment

**RESOLUTION
CHILD PROTECTION AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS, sexual predators are causing an increasing threat to the citizens of Yadkin County and the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the children in our community deserve to be able to live, learn and grow up in an environment that is free from the increasing risks of abduction, injury and/or death at the hands of sexual predators; and

WHEREAS, the perpetrators of such heinous crimes do not have rights that outweigh the protection of innocent children; and

WHEREAS, the present system of punishment provides too much discretion upon the sentencing of such criminals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE YADKIN COUTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS recommends to the North Carolina Legislature that the sentencing provision for child sexual predators should be increased in order that such criminals be punished for a first offense at the maximum level that is permissible under the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of North Carolina.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Legislature should pass the provisions of Jessica's Law in the event that its provisions are constitutionally permissible.

This the 20th day of March, 2006.

s/Brady Wooten
Chairman

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Planning and Zoning- public hearing

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to set a public hearing for proposed zoning requests and text amendments on April 17th at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the zoning request for Linda Eaton changing the property from rural agriculture to residential restricted per the Planning Board's recommendation. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Sneed reported on a phone call he received regarding the use of computers to measure land. He also commented on a resolution regarding the mailing of tax bills which stated to wait until all were completed and mail them out together.

The Board discussed the measurement changes regarding property lines and how to handle mailing out the changes to property owners. They also

discussed the bluntness of the letter which was mailed to the property owners.

Commissioner Sneed discussed an issue regarding a permit.

Mr. Wood stated the Planning Board will meet April 3rd to take action on this issue; possibly issue a conditional use permit.

Commissioner Swaim discussed a family wanting to divide land but there are new laws affecting the division of land.

The Board discussed proposed amendment changes.

Commissioner Phillips gave a report on the Hispanic Task Force.

Commissioner Phillips discussed the decrease in Solid Waste revenues and questioned if the Board wanted to look at increasing tipping fees.

Mr. Wood suggested looking at surrounding counties' fees.

Commissioner Phillips stated the jail committee is scheduled to meet March 30th at 4:00. She asked the Board if we should invite the grant writer and planning person to the meeting.

Commissioner Phillips discussed the tobacco free resolution. She commented that 69 schools have adopted the resolution. Commissioner Phillips suggested the County move forward and adopt the resolution making our schools tobacco free.

Commissioner Casstevens commented the animal shelter report was very positive.

Commissioner Casstevens commented on a letter from DOT denying the request for flashing lights at Falcon Road and Hwy 421.

Commissioner Casstevens asked for an update on the courthouse.

Mr. Wood stated a meeting has been scheduled for March 29th at 2:00 p.m. with the Judge and the Architect.

Commissioner Casstevens commented that the resolution for tobacco free campuses is a “dead dog”.

Closed Session

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to go in closed session per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), to consult with the attorney. Chairman Wooten seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner comments

Chairman Wooten commented on the proposed reclassification for the Yadkin River.

Chairman Wooten inquired about the letter regarding travel and tourism.

Mr. Wood stated the group is asking for monetary assistance. We can consider the request during the budget, if the Board so wishes.

Chairman Wooten commented on a letter from the American Legion commending the Board on the positive action by placing “In God We Trust” on the courthouse.

Chairman Wooten discussed employee rewards and encouraged the Board to review the information and make any changes so that we can make this effective July 1st.

Chairman Wooten reported on the trip to Washington.

Chairman Wooten asked for an update on sewer and water.

Mr. Wood stated meetings have been scheduled regarding water from Jonesville, Hwy 421 and Hwy 21. They are as follows:

- April 18th at 7:00 p.m. West Yadkin Fire Department
- April 20th at 7:30 p.m. Arlington Fire Department
- April 25th at 7:00 p.m. West Yadkin School
- April 27th at 7:00 p.m. Jonesville Senior Center

Mr. Wood stated the plans have been signed off by the State.

Manager comments

Resolution
Abandoned Cemeteries Awareness Month

WHEREAS; The abandoned cemeteries of Yadkin County constitute a valuable part of Yadkin County's cultural heritage, and

Whereas, Abandoned is defined as not having a burial in over 50 years, and

Whereas, There are approximately 600 abandoned cemeteries in Yadkin County, and

Whereas, These cemeteries are no longer used for burials, and

Whereas, The North Carolina General Assembly has directed that every county in North Carolina assume responsibility for the protection of abandoned cemeteries, and

Whereas, Some of these cemeteries are maintained by the citizens of Yadkin County and others outside the county, and

Whereas, Most of these cemeteries are not being maintained and subject to wanton desecration and destruction, and

Whereas, Carl C. Hoots made the initial survey of cemeteries in Yadkin County and published a record of the same, and

Whereas, The Yadkin County Historical Society, Inc. is now locating many additional abandoned cemeteries and recording the information located on gravestones in these cemeteries, and

Whereas, The North Carolina General Assembly has directed every county in North Carolina to establish a record of abandoned cemeteries in the Office of the Register of Deeds, and

Whereas, The Yadkin County Office of Register of Deeds has established such a record, and

Whereas, The North Carolina General Assembly has directed that every county in North Carolina establish a maintenance fund in the Office of the Clerk of Court, and

Whereas, The Yadkin County Office of the Clerk of Court has established such a fund.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED;

That the abandoned cemeteries of Yadkin County constitute a valuable part of Yadkin County's cultural heritage,

That the maintenance of these cemeteries by citizens in and out of the county is commendable,

That the wanton desecration and destruction of these cemeteries is deplorable and illegal,

That the efforts of Carl C. Hoots and The Yadkin County Historical Society, Inc. to locate these cemeteries and record the information in them is appreciated,

Those property owners are encouraged to record these cemeteries on the deeds of their properties,

That the record of these cemeteries established by the Yadkin County Office of Register of Deeds is appreciated,

That the maintenance fund for these cemeteries established by the Yadkin County Office of Clerk of Court is appreciated,

That the citizens of Yadkin County are encouraged to support the efforts of The Yadkin County Historical Society, Inc. to locate these cemeteries, including those of Native Americans, pioneer families, enslaved and free Families of Color, churches and other private burial grounds, including those cemeteries that have already been destroyed.

That March 2006 is declared Abandoned Cemetery Awareness Month in Yadkin County.

s/Brady Wooten, Chairman

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to adopt the resolution.
Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Mr. Wood stated the operation of the Group Home end June 30th. The Board needs to decide what to do with the facility.

Mr. Wood informed the Board of a request from DOT regarding the r-o-w on Dinkins Bottom Road. They are requesting an additional five feet which will not have any affect on the mitigation land for the 5-D project.

***Commissioner Phillips made the motion to sign off on the r-o-w.
Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Mr. Wood informed the Board that there will be a district meeting on April 11th from 12:00 – 4:00 in Iredell County.

Adjournment

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board